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DEAR RESIDENTS

Its hard to believe that a full year has passed since we were sworn in as the first Gender Parity Council.

The learning curve is steep and will continue for the full term I am sure. Thank you to returning Councillors who have been so helpful and to the newly elected with shared learning we navigate this journey and the staff of the fourth floor at City Hall ~ it does take a team!

Exciting news for Fall River is the notification that a Site Plan Approval has been granted for "A Proposed Site Plan for an Age-In-Place Community" at 1109 Fall River Rd aka The Carr Farm. Nearby property owners have a right to appeal this decision by Nov 15th, 2021 and must file their notice in writing to the Clerks Office. <u>clerks@halifax.ca</u>

Speeding continues to be the number one concern and Traffic calming measures only does so much so PLEASE SLOW DOWN!

Cathy.

Lest We Forget ~ November 11th, 2021





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REMEMBRANCE DAY NOV 11^{TH,} 2021

Remembrance Day last year I was pleased to be in attendance at the Royal Canadian Legion Dieppe Branch 090 in Waverley and this year I will be at the Upper Musquodoboit Branch District F - Zone 15 -Branch 147.



In Flanders Fields BY JOHN MCCRAE

In Flanders fields the poppies blow Between the crosses, row on row, That mark our place, and in the sky The larks, still bravely singing, fly Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow, Loved and were loved, and now we lie, In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe: To you from failing hands we throw The torch; be yours to hold it high. If ye break faith with us who die We shall not sleep, though poppies grow In Flanders fields.



RECRUITMENT FOR MUNICIPAL BOARDS,COMMITTEESAND COMMISSIONS



Deadline November 15, 2021 | 11:59pm

APPLY NOW

The Municipal Clerk's Office has begun the fall recruitment process for residents to serve on boards, committees, and commissions. Recruitment is ongoing from **Friday**, **October 29 until Monday**, **November 15**.

Regional Council recognizes that the municipality is best served by boards, committees, and commissions whose membership reflects the diverse communities they serve. Volunteering on municipal boards and committees is important—are you interested?

The following opportunities are currently open:

- Accessibility Advisory Committee: positions for three persons with disabilities, and one community member including parents or advocates.
- **Community Monitoring Committee:** positions for two residents of the Halifax Regional Municipality.
- **Design Advisory Committee**: positions for one Architect; two Community Planners or Urban Designers; two Engineers; and four members-at-large with experience in the design, environmental, social, cultural, or industrial sectors.
- **Design Review Committee**: positions for two residents-at-large; one Urban/City Planner; and two Architects.
- **Events East Board of Directors**: positions for two members, appointed by the Halifax Regional Municipality.
- Grants Committee: positions for two residents-at-large





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- Halifax International Airport Authority Board: position for one municipal nominee.
- Halifax Peninsula Planning Advisory Committee: positions for three community citizens.
- Halifax Regional Library Board: positions for four citizens.
- Halifax Regional Water Commission: positions for three Halifax Regional Municipality residents.
- **Heritage Advisory Committee**: positions for five residents-at-large.
- Margeson Drive Master Plan Committee: positions for five members from Districts 13, 14 or 15.
- North West Planning Advisory Committee: positions for five community members.
- **Point Pleasant Park Advisory Committee**: positions for four community members.
- **Regional Watersheds Advisory Board**: positions for three water related professionals; one member from a post-secondary institution or research scientist; and one representative of an Environmental Community Group or Recreational Organization.
- Shubenacadie Canal Commission: positions for two Halifax Regional Municipality residents.
- Western Common Advisory Committee: positions for one member of the public with demonstrated knowledge of public recreation and trails; one member of the public with demonstrated knowledge in applied ecological sciences; one member of an Environmental Non-Governmental Organization (NGO); one member resident of the community of Goodwood/Hatchet Lake; two members at large with an interest in the furtherance of the Park; and one member of the local business community.
- Youth Advisory Committee: positions for 12 youth representatives (age 15-24).

Please note: Some boards are seeking residents and members-atlarge, meaning anyone in Halifax Regional Municipality can apply. Some boards are recruiting specific designations – this is done because Regional Council has determined that specific expertise, background, or experience is required to achieve the mandate.

We encourage applications from African Nova Scotians, racially visible persons, women, persons with disabilities, Indigenous persons, and persons of the 2SLGBTQ+ community. Applicants are encouraged to self-identify.

For more information or to apply, click <u>here</u>. For questions about the <u>Public Appointment Policy</u>, application process, concerns about computer or internet access or to request another accommodation to the recruitment process, please contact <u>serve@halifax.ca</u> or call 902-490-4210.

MUNICIPALITY COLLABORATING WITH PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT TO ADDRESS HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS

Following the October 12th announcement by the Province of Nova Scotia, the Halifax Regional Municipality confirms its ongoing commitment to collaborate with the Province of Nova Scotia in addressing housing and homelessness in our region.

Several measures were outlined by the province:

- A commitment to fulfilling recommendations from the Affordable Housing Commission
- The introduction of inclusionary zoning
- More flexibility with municipal taxation measures
- Increased support for affordable housing
- Designation of provincial lands for housing in serviceable areas

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- Wrap-around supports for those living in emergency accommodations.
- A joint task force to facilitate approvals of large residential developments.

Well-established municipal plans and strategies have been informed by extensive public consultation – reflecting the values and vision of residents. Together, the Regional Plan, the Integrated Mobility Plan, the Centre Plan and the Rapid Transit Strategy are the culmination of years of strategic planning and efforts to manage infrastructure, develop sustainable communities and improve the range of transportation for residents.

Under existing municipal regulations, approximately 56,000 residential units can be built without any changes to policy or land use by-laws. There are approximately 19,000 units that could proceed today – where municipal approvals have already been granted by Development Agreement or Site Plan Approval and there are 4,010 units currently under construction. Approximately 37,000 units could also





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begin construction through Building Permits or Site Plan Approvals as part of Centre Plan for which the municipality anticipates receiving provincial approval before the end of this year.

The municipality stands behind the current development processes but recognizes that shortening wait times for both small and large projects will further the goal of continuously improving service delivery. HRM is prepared to work closely with the province to help advance this work, while maintaining a primary focus on the interests of its citizens.

As Mayor Savage said, "the province and the municipality share a responsibility to ensure all residents have an opportunity to realize their potential, to sleep in a warm bed under a secure roof."

In this fiscal year, HRM will be hiring a new position focused on homelessness that will be responsible for guiding policy development and collaboration with stakeholders on addressing homelessness. We will also be developing a longer-term strategy to guide the municipality's response to homelessness.

If you know someone in need of housing or support programs, please call 211 for more information on available provincial programs and services.

For more information on the municipality's approach to homelessness and initiatives to support affordable housing, visit: <u>www.halifax.ca/about-</u> <u>halifax/regional-community-planning/helping-</u> <u>address-homelessness</u>



NOVEMBER IS CROHN'S AND COLITIS AWARENESS MONTH



November is Crohn's and Colitis Awareness Month. It deserves our awareness – Canada has one of the highest rates of Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis in the world.

During November, Crohn's and Colitis Canada (@GetGutsyNovaScotia) is raising awareness about these inflammatory bowel diseases, and its impact on those who live with IBD every day and their supporters.

Halifax Regional Municipality is lighting up
Halifax City Hall red on Tuesday, November 2,
2021, to highlight this awareness month. Please take
time to take a selfie in front of City Hall and tag
@GetGutsyNovaScotia on Facebook to show your
support!

For more information, visit <u>crohnsandcolitis.ca</u> and follow @getgutsycanada and @GetGutsyNovaScotia on Facebook.

ATV SAFETY

Be Safe Be Respectful Join a Club Learn the rules!



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HALIFAX AND THE YMCA: WORKING TO KEEP YOU SAFE THIS WINTER



Removing snow around your property can be a challenging – or even impossible – task for many people. There is help available: the Halifax Regional Municipality provides an annual contribution of \$400,000 in support of the YMCA for its Snow Removal Program for Seniors and Persons with Disabilities.

Program eligibility:

- Seniors (65 years of age or older) and persons with disabilities in HRM
- Residential properties only commercial properties are ineligible
- Participants must reside in a single dwelling home which is owned or rented
- The total gross household income of all people living on premises must not exceed \$32,000
- The program is NOT available to landlords

The program does NOT apply to driveway clearing, but helps clear snow from steps and walkways, including:

- Front and back steps
- Walkways
- Ramps
- Access to fuel tanks

The program operates on a first-come, first-served basis as the funding allows the YMCA to serve about 450 households. To find out more about this program and to apply, please call the YMCA at 902.483.3678 or visit the YMCA online: <u>https://ymcahfx.ca/communityinitiatives/ymca-senior-snow-removal/</u>

HRM'S VOLUNTEER CONFERENCE – YOU'RE INVITED



Halifax Regional Municipality's 2021 Volunteer Conference is right around the corner! This one-day event is an opportunity for residents to expand their network and participate in training to become more effective volunteers and provide stronger services throughout the municipality.

When: Friday, November 19, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Where: DoubleTree by Hilton, 101 Wyse Road, Dartmouth, NS

Registration deadline: 48 Hours prior to each workshop course registration code: 00046392 Register by visiting <u>www.halifax.ca/about-</u> halifax/volunteering/volunteer-conference

Register before November 4th for early bird pricing of only \$35 and Enjoy networking, workshops, lunch & more! Whether you already volunteer in the community sector or are looking to get more involved, there are many workshops at this year's conference, including:

- Micro-Neighbourliness: Small Actions, Big Results! by Kate Moon and Shawna Shirley, Halifax Regional Municipality
- Volunteer and Staff Burnout in the Community Sector by Annika Voltan, Community Sector Council of Nova Scotia
- Fresh Approaches to Fundraising by Denise Green, MSVU
- Difficult Conversations and Conflict Resolution by Grant MacDonald, Governing Good NS
- Shiny Object Syndrome vs. Marketing Strategy: How to connect with YOUR target





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audience to promote your organization by Christine Kimball, Corporate Communications, Halifax Regional Municipality

- **Grant Writing** by Jesslyn Dalton, Growth Spurts Funding Solutions
- **Community Event Planning**, by Michael Kelly, Hospice Halifax
- **Engaging Youth** by Rebecca Bishop, Youth Community Developer, Halifax Regional Municipality
- Volunteer Recruitment and Engagement Panel with Joanna Bull, Ecology Action Centre; Micah Brown, BATLX and Former Football Professional; and Emily Masse, Canadian Red Cross.

HALIFAX'S ACCESSIBILITY TOWN HALL

Accessibility Advisory Committee's Annual Town Hall

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NOVEMBER 10, 2021

Take part in the municipality's Accessibility Advisory Committee's Annual Town Hall!

The Accessibility Advisory Committee's Annual Town Hall is an opportunity for Halifax Regional Municipality business unit representatives to provide updates to the community regarding accessibility initiatives in the municipality, and to hear feedback and input from residents.

Staff from Corporate & Customer Services, Transportation & Public Works, the Office of Diversity & Inclusion/African Nova Scotian Affairs Integration Office, and Transit will be present at this year's event: November 10, 2021 from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Paul O'Regan Hall - Halifax Central Library

The event will also be live streamed to YouTube with viewing locations at the Tantallon and Musquodoboit Harbour Libraries.

You can attend in-person or participate online via Zoom. To attend this event virtually and submit your questions live, registration is required: <u>https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN h-JXWXc7Ry2aljxHPMdwQw</u>

ASL interpretation will be available at Paul O'Regan Hall and on the live-streamed virtual event. Communication Access Realtime Translation (CART) Captioning will also be visible on the live-streamed virtual event. This is an accessible venue. For full event details, including Access-A-Bus information and COVID-19 requirements, visit: www.halifax.ca/accessibilitytownhall

WINDSOR STREET EXCHANGE REDEVELOPMENT – HAVE YOUR SAY



Are you ever in one of the 48,000 vehicles that travel through the Windsor Street Exchange each day? Have your say in the Windsor Street Exchange Redevelopment Project!

Halifax Regional Municipality is inviting residents to participate in Phase 2 of Public Engagement for the Windsor Street Exchange Redevelopment Project until November 17.



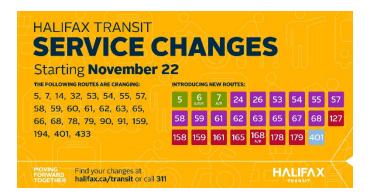


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 As one of five roadway access points to the Halifax Peninsula, the Windsor Street Exchange is operating above its available capacity during peak travel periods, so a redesign is needed. The team behind this redevelopment project has shared two concept design options and is looking for feedback from the public and stakeholders to be used in making design decisions.

Visit <u>www.shapeyourcityhalifax.ca/windsor-</u> <u>street-exchange-project</u> to view the design options, watch a recording of the virtual open house held on October 27, complete the online survey, and ask the project team any questions in the Q&A forum.

TRANSIT CHANGES AND ADDED ROUTES



As our city changes, so do our public Transit needs. **On November 22**, Halifax Transit will introduce large-scale service changes. Learn about these plans at <u>Halifax.ca/servicechanges</u> or to look into whether there will be any changes to your route, visit <u>halifax.ca/transit</u> or **call 311**.

OUT AND ABOUT IN OCTOBER

- A Walk Through Africville
- Bi-Centennial Theatre Re-Opening

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- Clean Foundation -Electric Avenue
- Daffodil Garden for Cancer Survivors
- Meagher's Grant Community Centre Mtg
- Fourth Lock Trivia Night Fundraiser
- Lemmon's Hill Sports Association and Dean Community Mtg
- 1st Canal Brownies Mtg
- Waverley Museum Mi'kmaq Teachings ~ Gerald Gloade
- 39th Annual NS Fallen Peace Officers Memorial
- Larry Harrison MLA mtg
- Brian Wong MLA Mtg
- WJCC Annual General Meeting
- Community Monitoring Committee Otter Lake
- Goffs Quarry Tour
- Cheema Awards Banquet
- Dairy Queen Miracle Treat Day
- Haunted Houses Tour of Waverley Fall River

NOVEMBER MEETING DATES

Regional Council: In Person at City Hall - Tuesday, November 9 at 10AM

- Tuesday, November 23 at 10 AM

North West Community Council

- Monday November 8th at 6PM

North West Planning Advisory Committee

- Wednesday Nov 3rd at 7PM
- **Grants Committee**
 - Monday November 8th at 10AM

Advisory Committee on Accessibility - Monday November 15th at 4PM

- Audit and Finance Standing Committee - Wednesday November 17th at 10AM
- Environment & Sustainability

Committee

- Thursday Nov 4th at 1PM

- Halifax Water Commission
- Thursday November 25th at 9AM
- Hfx Water: Environment Health & Safety
 - Wednesday November 10 at 2PM





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Middle Musquodoboit Watershed Advisory Committee

Thursday November 18th at 6:30 PM

Meeting dates/times are subject to change, please confirm on our municipal website

CURRENTLY SERVING ON:

Regional Council, North West Community Council and the following boards and committees:

- Environment and Sustainability Committee
- Audit and Finance Committee (Vice Chair)
- Grants Committee (Chair)
- Halifax Water Commission
- North West Planning Advisory Committee
- Accessibility Advisory Committee
- Community Committees
- Halifax International Airport Authority
- Goffs Quarry Community Liaison

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311 CONTACT CENTRE

More than a telephone number, 311 is your direct connection to municipal services. Call 311 and speak to our helpful operators for information about anything HRM-related: property taxes, illegally parked vehicles, recreation services, pet licenses, by-law concerns, litter and more: Monday to Friday 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday & Sunday 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Or email: <u>ContactUs@311.halifax.ca</u>

SIGN UP TO MY E-NEWSLETTER

I'll be regularly sending out e-newsletters to community members. If you'd like to keep up to date with my Councillor news, please get in touch with Stephanie Brown, my Council Constituent Coordinator at:

Email: browns@halifax.ca or 902-490-4090

NOVEMBER MENTIONS

November 13th – World Kindness Day



Did you know.... November's full **Moon** is traditionally called the Beaver Moon?





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FRABA Fall River's Tree Lighting on November 27th

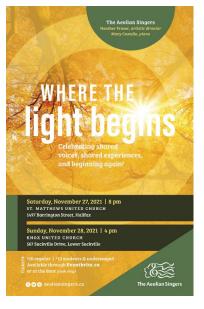


Saltwire Holiday Parade of Lights November 20th



Halifax Christmas Tree Lighting Saturday November 27th 6-7PM Grand Parade Halifax City Hall





The Aeolians are an all women upper voices choir that are in their 46th season! They are a group of women who are focused on performing at a high level, as well as providing a creative safe space for women to come together. They have a mandate to lift up the voices of women and support new artistic works

from female composers and musicians.

"Where the Light Begins"

The Aeolian Singers invite you to join us for "Where the Light Begins", a joyful concert event celebrating our shared voices, shared experiences and beginning again. This vibrant, fun program showcases the versatility of the singers with an eclectic mix of contemporary and contemplative music - including a new commissioned work, and familiar songs we know and love.

Thrilled to be singing again for our community, this music will leave you as it does us - energized, uplifted and looking forward to new adventures. Certainly, an event to remember!

If you would like to purchase tickets to one of our concerts, through Eventbrite.ca you can do so <u>HERE</u>.

